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Speakers’ bios



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Ms Sentle Nell is a Fellow in the Young African Leaders Programme at the School of Transnational Governance. She was a Chief Sustainability Officer for an energy multinational in South Africa. She currently runs her consultancy, Etsahale that mobilises activists supporting CSO community-based climate change mitigation enterprises and introducing investors in social entrepreneurship. In 2020, she was chosen as one of the McKinsey Next Generation Women Leaders and in 2021 was selected as a Chevening Scholar by the UK government as part of the South African cohort.

She holds a Master's degree in Sustainable Development and Climate Change from the University of Sussex. Through her efforts, she actively supports civic organizations dedicated to fostering community-based initiatives for climate change mitigation. She also plays a key role in

	<p>connecting investors with sustainable economic development strategies and promoting social entrepreneurship in Africa.</p>
 <p>Mikaela Gavas Managing Director and Senior Policy Fellow at Center for Global Development Europe</p>	<p>Ms Mikaela Gavas is the Managing Director and Senior Policy Fellow at the Center for Global Development Europe. From 2018 to 2020, she was a Specialist Adviser to the House of Commons International Development Committee.</p> <p>In addition, she serves as a member of the Standing Advisory Group on Technical Assistance and Cooperation for the UN International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). Prior to her tenure at CGD, Mikaela held the position of Head in the Development Strategy and Finance programme at the Overseas Development Institute (ODI). She has advised several governments, including France, Italy, the Republic of Korea, Qatar, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.</p> <p>With more than twenty years of experience, she has actively contributed to research, policy development, advisory services, and public affairs within political and parliamentary settings.</p>
 <p>Alvaro Lario President of the International Fund of Agricultural Development (IFAD)</p>	<p>Mr Alvaro Lario is the President of International Fund for Agricultural Development - IFAD. He has held significant roles such as Associate Vice-President, Chief Financial Officer, and Chief Controller of the Financial Operations Department at IFAD. Prior to his tenure at IFAD, he served as the Treasury Capital Markets Lead and Principal Portfolio Officer at the International Finance Corporation, a division of the World Bank Group.</p> <p>In this capacity, he concentrated on advancing local capital markets development and managing investments in emerging markets.</p> <p>He earned a PhD in Financial Economics from the Complutense University of Madrid. He has a Master of Research in Economics at the London Business School and a Master of Finance from Princeton University.</p>



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Ms Juliet Nangamba is a Programmes Manager with Community Technology Development Trust (CTDT) in Zambia.

She holds a bachelors' degree in "Agronomy" from the University of Zambia, possesses 8 years of project management experience, primarily concentrated in seed and food systems projects. She has collaborated closely with rural communities, aiming to enhance people's livelihoods, emphasizing food, seed, and nutrition security.

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Mr Daniel Adeniyi is a Policy officer in sustainable food systems and climate action and green transition teams at European Centre for Development Policy Management.

Prior to joining ECDPM, he was a professional officer at ICLEI Africa, focusing on food systems, urban planning, and circular development across Africa. Previously, he held a postdoctoral fellowship at the DSI-NRF Centre of Excellence in Food Security in South Africa, where his research centered on food systems governance in the country.

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